

## **Understanding and Educating Children with Asperger Syndrome**

The 2006 Columbus Children's Autism Conference, "Understanding & Educating Children with Asperger Syndrome," will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26, 2006, at The Conference Center at NorthPointe, 9243 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center.

Sponsored by the Children's Institute for Pediatric Education and the Children's Autism Center of Columbus Children's Hospital, the conference has been developed to provide practical strategies and hands-on information regarding students with Asperger Syndrome to Intervention Specialists, Classroom Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Psychologists, Nurses, OTs, PTs, APEs, Speech Pathologists, Social Workers, Parents, Administrators, and Guidance Counselors. This conference will emphasize strategies for children, pre-kindergarten through high school.

The keynote speakers for the conference are Ami Klin, Ph.D., a Harris Associate Professor of Child Psychology and Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center, and Judy Coucouvanis, a psychiatric nurse practitioner and behavior specialist. In two days, experts will present a range of information and strategies for students with Asperger Syndrome. Keynote Speaker Ami Klin will present the most up-to-date diagnostic, intervention, and research information available. Judy Coucouvanis will cover innovative methods for building social skills. Workshop presenters will offer suggestions for behavior plans, social communication, academic modifications, and mental health issues. Attendees should come away with a much improved sense of how to educate their students with Asperger Syndrome.

Interested persons may call (614) 722-4939 or register for the conference online at [www.columbuschildrens.com](http://www.columbuschildrens.com)